

FROM THE DEN

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St. Charles, Illinois

Strength Through Community

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor

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Building A Safer World Together



Building Safety Week
will be held May 7-13,
2006, and recognizes the
importance of making

homes and buildings safe
places where people can live,
work and play. Sponsored
by the International Code
Council Foundation (ICCF),
Building Safety Week was
first observed in 1980.

The theme of Building
Safety Week 2006, "Building
a Safer World Together,"
reflects the importance of getting everyone
involved to promote safe and secure
building conditions. The ICCF supports
building safety and fire prevention across
America and around the world. Building
codes and regulations have protected the
public for thousands of years (recorded as
far back as 1780 B.C.) by ensuring that
homes, schools, workplaces and other
buildings are as safe as possible. The
Foundation continues to promote stronger,
safer communities through education

programs that save lives and protect
properties. They are dedicated to changing
the devastating effects of natural disasters
and building tragedies. To learn more
about the ICC and Building Safety Week,
visit www.iccsafe.org.

The Building & Zoning Division will
promote Safety Week with
a display located in the City
Hall reception area through
the first week of April. Be
sure to stop by and visit the
display! Please contact the
Building & Zoning office
at (630) 377-4406 with
questions or for information
about Safety Week.

City offices
will be closed
Monday, May 29
for Memorial Day.
Refuse collection will
be delayed one day.

Arbor Day

The City Tree Commission will
host its annual Arbor Day celebration at
Lincoln Park on April 28, 4 p.m. A tree
will be planted and other special events
are planned to celebrate this special day.
Everyone is welcome to join this special
celebration of Arbor Day! Please contact
the Public Works office at (630) 377-4405
with questions or for more information.

City Web Site:
www.stcharlesil.gov

Community
Web Site:
www.st-charles.il.us

Our Gift to You

The City of St. Charles
Utility Billing office would
like each resident to have the
attached magnet as a reminder
of the information, resources,
and many services offered on the
City's web site. We hope this
will make it easy and convenient
for you to access the information
you need, when you need it.



Pet Reminders

Pets add so much to our lives - please help us provide a safer, more friendly community for pets and people . . .

- All pets that are not on owners' property must be on a leash. Those that wander "free" are at risk of injury, causing injury or being picked up by Animal Control.
- Pet owners are required by City code to pick up after their pets and properly dispose of the waste.
- A maximum of 3 pets is allowed for each St. Charles household.

Wanted: Tree Commission Members

The St. Charles Tree Commission is currently seeking applications to fill two vacancies. Those interested in joining this commission should send or email a letter of interest and qualifications to Mayor Don DeWitte, 2 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174, ddewitte@stcharlesil.gov or call (630) 377-4445 for additional information.

Hydrant Flushing

The Water Division will begin flushing the water main distribution system by quadrant as follows (the north/south dividing line is Main St./Rte. 64; the east/west dividing line is the Fox River):

Northwest Quadrant
Starts Apr. 17, 7 a.m.
- all week

Southwest Quadrant
Starts Apr. 24, 10 p.m. - all week

Northeast Quadrant
Starts Apr. 30, 10 p.m. - all week

Southeast Quadrant
Starts May 8, 7 a.m. - all week

The flushing will remove insoluble iron from the inside of water mains. Residents may experience rusty colored water. When flushing has subsided, run cold water until it runs clear. Although the water is safe, it may stain laundered clothing. If this occurs, keep clothes wet and treat them with a cleaning product for removing the stains (free at Public Works, 1405 S. 7th Ave.; City Hall Reception Desk, 2 E. Main; and the Police Department, 2 State Ave., 24/7). Please call Public Works at (630) 377-4405 with questions.

Work Zone Safety

Each year, hundreds of work zones appear throughout the state and present hazards, congestion and delay. In 2003, there were 44 work zone deaths; in 2004, there were 39; and in 2005, there were 101. Drivers and passengers are also at risk - 95% of all work zone related deaths are drivers and passengers. Please help us improve work zone safety - drive the speed limit.

What is a work zone?

An area in which IDOT, the Toll Highway Authority, or local agency determines that the preexisting speed limit through a construction project is greater than is safe with the conditions present.

How will I know when I have entered a work zone?

Signs will give warning that a construction zone is being approached and will indicate

the maximum speed limit in effect. The signs will also post the minimum fine for a speed violation.

Earth Day
April 22, 2006

National Public
Works Week
May 21-27, 2006

When is the speed restriction in effect?

The speed restriction is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, whether or not workers are present.

What will it cost me if I exceed the limit?

The minimum fine for the first offense is \$375, plus a mandatory court appearance. A second offense is a minimum \$1000 fine, mandatory court appearance, and a 90-day suspension of your driver's license.



Last year's drought severely stressed area trees and caused a record number to shed their leaves early or die. In 2005, we received less than one-half the normal rainfall for our

area. Newly planted trees were the most severely affected, as they didn't have time to establish the extensive root system necessary to support their canopy. Without moisture provided by normal rainfall or adequate supplementary watering, the root hairs responsible for the uptake of soil moisture and nutrients die off. When rain finally comes, these trees are not able to benefit from the available moisture until they re-establish these root hairs. Persistent dry conditions also affect soil texture, causing it to become hard and impenetrable, leaving water to run off. Precipitation must be light and steady to properly saturate the soil.

Most mature, healthy trees will not immediately die as a result of drought, but once stressed, they are more susceptible to disease and insect predation. Insufficient rainfall during another growing season will cause them to decline. We can help them survive by providing water when rainfall is inadequate, making sure the drip line (under the canopy to the tips of the widest branches) is saturated. A soaker hose is best for this purpose, and mulching with generous amounts of organic material (up to 3" deep) covering the drip line but away from the trunk of the tree will

suppress weeds, maintain moisture and improve soil texture as it breaks down. Detailed recommendations are available from The Morton Arboretum at, www.mortonarb.org, a valuable resource for all horticultural care.

Monitor your trees' condition throughout the growing season and call a certified arborist if you suspect disease or insect infestation.

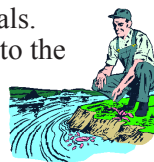
Posting Signs

Posting signs on electric poles, traffic signal poles, parkways, and other public property is prohibited. Signs in parkways can block the vision of drivers and damage underground utility wires. Staples, nails and other things used to attach signs can snag the gear of electric workers, possibly resulting in falls, shock or injury. Signs left on traffic signal poles distract drivers at intersections and detract from the beauty of our community. Everyone's cooperation is needed to help St. Charles remain the safe, beautiful community it is.

Help Our Watershed

The City's storm sewer collection system consists of over 170 miles of piping and 8,750 structures and inlets. Water and materials that enter the storm sewer are released into a local stream, river or pond. Cleaning and maintaining this system is vital to the ecological health of these waterways. Everyone can help by ensuring that only storm water runs through our storm sewer system. Never put chemicals or other materials into a storm drain.

Follow the manufacturer's directions carefully for lawn care materials. Excess chemicals can wash into the storm sewer, which can lead to algae and other problems for fish and wildlife.



Electric Mower Power

Homeowners in the market for a new lawnmower may want to consider an electric model. Electric mowers are quiet, easy to start, low maintenance and cost only a few dollars annually to operate. Cordless mowers have enough power to mow up to a half acre on a single charge. For more information on saving energy and reducing pollution, call the St. Charles Electric Utility at (630) 377-4407.

Outdoor Warning Sirens

The City's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) tests the outdoor warning sirens and alert receivers the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. The testing includes one minute of the "alert" signal (steady sound to indicate to those outdoors to take cover and listen to local radio or television reports), one minute of silence and one minute of the "wail" signal (rise and fall sound to indicate a national emergency declared by the Federal government). This procedure complies with the Federal Emergency Management Agency guidelines. Questions about severe weather or the siren signals may be directed to the Emergency Management Agency at (630) 377-4416.

Sales Tax

Following is a breakdown of the 7.5% tax rate within the City limits of St. Charles. The 1% Home Rule tax does not apply to prescription drugs, groceries (food not for immediate consumption) and vehicles (cars, trucks, boats). Please contact the Finance office at (630) 377-4914 with questions.

- 5% State
- 1% City
- 1% Home Rule
- 1/4% Kane/DuPage County
- 1/4% Regional Transportation Authority

City Budget

The City's Fiscal Year 2006/2007 budget is almost complete. A public hearing will be scheduled in April to review the budget with the City Council and citizens, after which it will be approved at a public City Council meeting. The meeting dates, times and locations will be posted on the "Meetings" page of the City's web site at www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings.

Welcome New Businesses!

Remember to shop local and support all of the fine businesses located in St. Charles. For a complete listing, visit www.stcharlesil.gov/edd.

Business Name	Address	Phone (630 Area Code)
Aquascape Designs	901 Aqualand Way	659-2000
Donna Nails	311 N. 2nd St., Ste. 108	513-1872
Fox Valley Professional Development Ctr.	720 N. 17th St., Ste. 9	513-9380
Jessie's Treasures	12 N. 3rd St.	584-3899
Lucky Dog	105 W. Main St.	444-1557
Olive Films	707 Columba Ct.	444-1757
Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits	1850 Lincoln Hwy.	444-1772

City References

City Hall

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Utility Billing and Building & Zoning

Office Hours:

Monday
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

St. Charles Municipal Center
2 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 377-4400

Billing - Electric/Water/Sewer

Turn Ons & Turn Offs377-4426
Building & Zoning377-4406
City Admin./Clerk377-4422
Electric Division377-4407

Electric/Water/Sewer Emergency

after 4:30 p.m. and weekends....443-3681

Emergency 911
Engineering377-4486
Emergency Management Agency377-4416
Flood Prot. Assist. and Map Eng.377-4486
Finance/Accounting762-7002
Fire Administration377-4458
Fire Prevention Bureau377-4457
Human Resources377-4446
Mayor Donald P. DeWitte377-4444
City Newsletter377-4917
Police Admin./Invest./Crime Prev.....377-4435
Public Works-Water/Sewer/Street.....377-4405
Community Development377-4443
Economic Development443-4093
Refuse Pickup Info. (Onyx)587-8282
TDD 800-526-0844

Community Numbers

Animal Control232-3555
Chamber of Commerce584-8384
Heritage Center584-6967
Visitors Bureau.....377-6161
Downtown St. Charles Partnership513-5386

MEETING SCHEDULE		
Meeting	April	May
CITY COUNCIL	3 & 17	1 & 15
PLAN COMMISSION review & hold public hearings for rezoning, special use & new developments	4 & 18	2 & 16
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT zoning, annexation, boundary lines, downtown, comprehensive plan, code enforcement	10	8
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS** budget, personnel, insurance, economic development, administration	3 & 17	1 & 15
GOVERNMENT SERVICES utilities, city property, streets, sidewalks, sewers, water, parking lots, stormwater	24	22
HISTORIC PRESERVATION review facade impr. & bldg. permits for exterior work within historic dist.	5 & 19	3 & 17
TREE COMMISSION manage city owned trees (trimming, Tree City USA, disease & pestilence, etc.)	12	10
YOUTH COMMISSION* direct services & grants to support the welfare of the City's youth	3	1
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION aesthetic improvements to City's corridors	6	4
HOUSING COMMISSION preserve affordable homes, address housing issues/needs, promote awareness	11	9
<p><i>All meetings start at 7 p.m. unless noted: *Starts at 6 p.m. ** Starts at 7:05 p.m. or immediately after the City Council meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Please call the Mayor's Office at (630) 377-4445 to confirm a meeting, or log on to www.stcharlesil.gov/ meetings for meeting schedule, agendas and minutes.</i></p>		



What's on your mind?

Your advice, suggestions and questions are valued and encouraged by the Mayor and City Council. To assure a response, please include your name and address below. Mail to: City Administrator's Office, 2 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174, or email to: CAO@stcharlesil.gov.

Name: _____

Address: _____

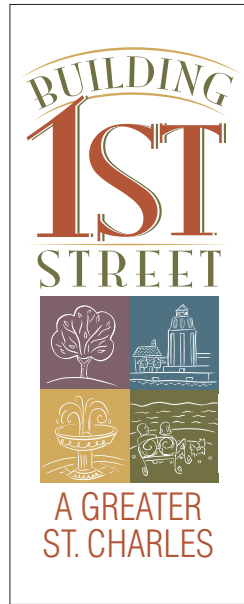
Phone: _____

Email: _____

This issue of
From the Den
was delivered
by Door to Door
Direct. Please call
(630) 377-4917
with questions,
comments, or if
your delivery was
not satisfactory.



The Den . . . In Focus



First Street Project Update

www.stcharlesil.gov/departments/cdd/firststreet.html

The First Street Redevelopment Project is about to become more visible. The City recently completed the purchase of several key properties within the TIF district, including the former Torco Dodge dealership and a home located on the corner of 2nd and Walnut. The buildings on these pieces of land, along with the former Vi's Last Call and St. Charles Cleaners on

the corner of 1st and Illinois, are scheduled to be removed in mid-April.

The City Engineering Division has also been very actively working on the engineering design and plans for key infrastructure, including underground utilities, water, sewer, streets and sidewalks. Although this is not firm, they are working toward breaking pavement in mid-July to begin this infrastructure work. Please watch the City Grapevine updates on the web site and this newsletter supplement for additional notices and information as work on this project progresses.

The First Street Communications team continues to meet and plan for the upcoming activities. The banner above depicts the logo designed for this project. The theme, "Building 1st Street for A Greater St. Charles" expresses the intent of the project to benefit many aspects of the entire community . . . economic development, downtown ambiance, riverfront, families and more. They will announce a kickoff event sometime this summer. In the meantime, a project summary brochure was designed for distribution. The brochure is available on the project web site, at the City Hall reception desk and in the Economic Development Department. Speaking of the web site, the new First Street project web site is officially under construction. The current site is available at the new address www.1stStreetSTC.org. An official announcement will herald the launch of the new site prior to the kickoff event. The

new site will offer much of the same information, along with an e-news registry for the latest First Street information, links to newspaper articles on the project, news releases, TIF information and a webcam.

The City has been working with FEMA and consultants to resolve floodway and floodplain issues for the buildings and walkway along the riverfront. New drawings and elevations will be posted on the First Street web site as soon as they are available.

The Milestone Row project, just west of the Brownstone townhomes along south 1st St. between Indiana and Prairie Streets, and outside the First Street Redevelopment Project area, is progressing. The concrete foundations are being poured and cured now and should be mostly in place in about two weeks. They will continue to work with other contractors as utilities, such as plumbing, elevator shafts, etc., are installed. Work is expected to continue on this building throughout the summer and well into fall and winter. The building will have retail space on the first floor, with a walkway down the center. Residential condominiums will be located on the upper floors. Underground parking will be accessible from Indiana. Tenants for the retail space have not been confirmed, although the Harris Bank branch currently located between the Blue Goose and Manor Restaurant will relocate there.

Renovations on the building into which the Manor Restaurant and The Yard will move are also progressing. The relocation date has not been set, as there are at least a few more months worth of work yet to do before the space is ready. Final drawings and plans for the new building, to be built

in its current location on the corner of 1st and Main, are still being refined. These



<http://www.stcharlesil.gov/news/stcharlesnewsflashcgc.html>

drawings and elevations will also be posted on the web site when they are available.

As construction approaches, our challenge will be to keep the momentum, excitement and vision in sight. Infrastructure work will

continue throughout the summer and well into the fall. Building construction will occur in stages, with some buildings completed before others. Existing downtown and First Street businesses will especially need the support and encouragement of everyone in the

community. It will ultimately be the commitment of every resident, business and organization to work together with the City and developers to facilitate a smooth project and transition, and to create a greater St. Charles for future generations.

2005 Priorities Survey Results

The Priorities Survey is conducted annually to gather input from the community on City services residents feel are important for limited funding and staff. Some

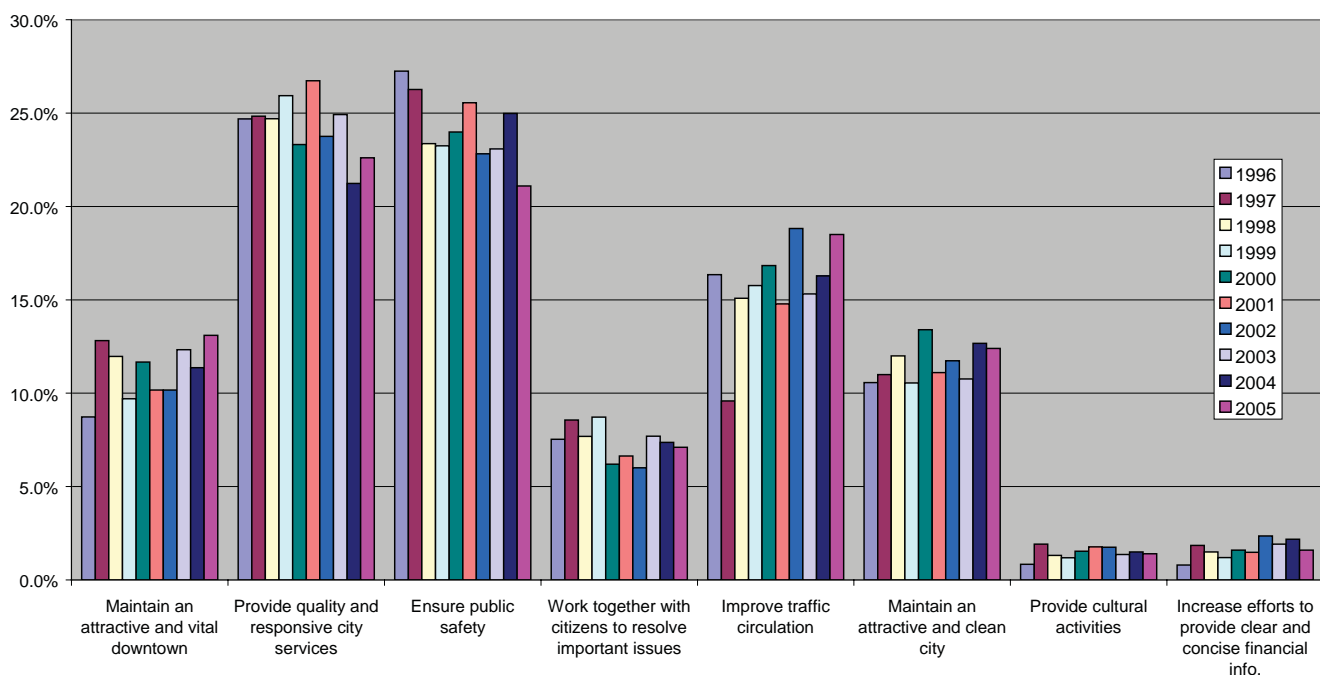
results were posted in the December/January issue of this newsletter. Following are some additional results. The complete results are posted on the City's web site at

www.stcharlesil.gov/getinvolved. Please contact Megan Pierce, City Administrator's Office, (630) 377-4915 or by email at mpierce@stcharlesil.gov with questions.

Residents were asked to pick the top 3 goals of the City out of 8 choices. The responses were weighted according to how they were rated: 3 points for the most important goal, 2 points for the second, and so on. Listed below are the top 3 choices of the citizens from 2000 to 2005, along with a summary graph.

2005 Most Important Goals 1. Provide Quality and Responsive City Services 2. Ensure Public Safety 3. Improve Traffic Circulation	2004 Most Important Goals 1. Ensure Public Safety 2. Provide Quality and Responsive City Services 3. Improve Traffic Circulation
2003 Most Important Goals 1. Provide Quality and Responsive City Services 2. Ensure Public Safety 3. Improve Traffic Circulation	2002 Most Important Goals 1. Provide Quality and Responsive City Services 2. Ensure Public Safety 3. Improve Traffic Circulation
2001 Most Important Goals 1. Provide Quality and Responsive City Services 2. Ensure Public Safety 3. Improve Traffic Circulation	2000 Most Important Goals 1. Ensure Public Safety 2. Provide Quality and Responsive City Services 3. Improve Traffic Circulation

1996-2005 Most Important City Goal
(weighted average)



Community Happenings

From the Den . . .



The third annual Sisters Weekend will be April 21-23, and you could be a part of the big event! The weekend, planned by the Downtown St. Charles Partnership (DSCP), promises an indulgent getaway for 'sisters of all sorts.' Hotel Baker will be the host hotel for sisters from across the country. A wine and cheese reception, pajama party and personal enrichment sessions, plus a Main Stage event at the Arcada Theater featuring the nationally known Four Bitchin' Babes, are just a few of the exciting events included in the registration fee of \$50. The first 500 to register will receive a special Sisters Weekend tote bag. If you are a sister, sister-in-law, sorority sister, soul sister, or sorta sister, visit www.sistersweekend.com to download a brochure and registration form, or call the DSCP at (630) 513-5386.

Newspaper Deliveries

Some residents have asked for information on how to stop delivery of some newspapers. Following is contact information for the local newspapers. We hope this will be helpful.

Chicago Tribune, (800) TRI-BUNE
Daily Herald, (847) 427-4333
St. Charles Examiner, (630) 830-4145
Kane County Chronicle, (630) 232-9239
St. Charles Republican, (630) 368-1144
The Sun St. Charles, (630) 355-8014/
sundelivery@scn1.com

Bib Overall Blast



The BIB is Back! Come join the Mid-Valley Neighborhood Improvement Association (MVNIA) in our 2006 Bib Overall Blast fundraiser on April 28! Call the MVNIA Office (630-584-1996) or visit www.mvnia.org for tickets or details.

Business Expo

The 13th Annual Rolling Down the River Business to Business Expo will be May 3, 2-8 p.m., at Pheasant Run Resort

Mega Center. This is the largest business expo in the far western suburbs, with over 170 exhibitors. Admission is free to the public. The expo is presented by the Bartlett, Batavia, Elgin Area, Geneva, South Elgin, St. Charles, Warrenville and West Chicago Chambers of Commerce. Contact Deborah Scott at the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, (630) 584-8384, for more information.

2006 Fine Art Show

Memorial Day Weekend will bring more than 80 artists to downtown St. Charles for the 8th annual St. Charles



Fine Art Show. A new sponsor, Harris Bank St. Charles, and a new location, Main Street (Rt. 64) south along 1st Ave., promise a fresh look and feel to the juried fine art show. Painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, glass, mixed media and jewelry will be on display for art buyers and browsers alike. Free admission, free parking, live music, artist demonstrations, a silent auction and kids' activities are all part of the weekend show. Hours are May 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and May 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact the Downtown St. Charles Partnership (630-513-5386/www.dtown.org) with questions or for more information.

Rose Sale



The Noon Kiwanis club of St. Charles is, once again, holding their annual Rose Sale. Orders for bunches of one dozen roses, \$20 each, may be submitted by phone (630-584-1225) or fax (630-584-1396) through April 7. Roses are available in a wide variety of colors and may be picked up on April 25, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Baker Community Center, 101 South 2nd St. Proceeds will support youth organizations and programs sponsored by the Noon Kiwanis and Key Clubs.

Blood Drive

The City of St. Charles Wellness Team is sponsoring a Community Blood

Community Happenings From the Den continued . . .

Drive on April 11, 2:30 to 7 p.m. Heartland Blood Center's mobile donation unit will be in the lot on the corner of 1st Ave. and Main. Donors should bring a picture ID and register in City Hall. Please call the Human Resources office at (630) 377-4446 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information on donating blood, visit www.heartlandbc.org or call 800-7TO-GIVE (800-786-4483).



Hot on the Press

The 2006 St. Charles Visitors Guide will be delivered to all residents in mid-April. The Guide is a colorful and useful showcase of St. Charles to visitors from across the

globe. Be sure to save the detached card accompanying your free guide. Call the St. Charles Visitors Bureau at (630) 377-6161 to request additional copies. We hope residents and visitors enjoy this issue that highlights the best in your own backyard!

Sculpture Exhibit

A *Sculpture in the Park* exhibit will be on display in Mt. St. Mary Park from May to October 2006. The display will be visible and accessible from Prairie St. and Rte. 31. Nine sculptors have been invited to display their work. Participating sculptors are Guy Bellaver, Brent George, Todd Willing, James Jenkins, John Slavik, Kai Schulte, Merle Hummel, Howard Russo and Bruce Niemi. This exhibit is cosponsored by the Public

Art Committee of the Downtown St. Charles Partnership and the St. Charles Park District.

Home Repairs

If your home needs repair but finances are tight, Mid-Valley Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc., may be able to help. They offer low interest loans to qualifying homeowners to use for home repairs and improvements. Call (630) 584-1996 or visit www.mvnia.org for details.



ReUselt Center

Remodeling? Check out the ReUselt Center, 1530 Hubbard Ave., Batavia (Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.). Call (630) 761-4240 for information, to donate or volunteer.

	St. Charles Public Library One S. 6th Ave. St. Charles, IL 60174 Phone 584-0076 Fax 584-3448	Web Site: www.stcharleslibrary.org Home Deliv. – Ext. 219 Study Rooms - Ext. 210	Email: scplref@linc.lib.il.us Meeting Rms. – Ext. 230 Youth Svcs. – 584-9390	Night Owl - 584-4563
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Centennial Celebrations

Century Book Clubs ~ Kick off the Library's Centennial Celebration and join a Century Book Club. Logs will guide you through the reading experience until Dec. 20. Reading rewards include t-shirts, drawings, and finale event.

Genre ~ Read 10 books from a variety of fiction and nonfiction subjects.

Decade ~ Read 10 books set or published in the 20th Century.

Nonfiction Bingo ~ Read 10 books to complete 2 columns in any direction.

Fiction Bingo ~ Read 10 books to complete 2 columns in any direction.

National Library Week Open House ~ 2-3:30 p.m. ~ Apr. 9 ~ Enjoy pianist Terry Andrew in the Carnegie Community Room, a One-Man Band sing-along with Ryan Petermann in the Meeting Room, ribbon cutting for the new

Spanish Language collection, tours, and refreshments.

Youth Programs

The **Summer Program Guide** will be available, and book club registration begins, May 16. Program registration begins June 3.

Book Capers ~ 4:15 p.m. ~ Apr. 13, *Popcorn* by James Stevenson; May 11, *The Invisible Dog* by Dick King-Smith

Book Characters Visits ~ 11 a.m. ~ Arthur visits on Apr. 14; Maisy visits May 5.

Book Magic ~ 4:15 p.m. ~ Apr. 18, *Insect Antics*; May 16, "Motor Mania."

Scene Stealers ~ 4:15 p.m. ~ Apr. 20, reader's choice, May 18, *Small Steps* by Louis Sachar.

Kids Corner ~ 4:15 p.m. ~ Apr. 24, "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs;" May 22, "Simply Frogs."

Multi-Age Story Time ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ Tues. & Wed. through May 3 ~ For

preschool kids and adults with a library card.

Every Child Ready to Read

Workshops ~ 9:30-11 a.m. & 1-2:30 p.m. ~ May 17, 19 or 25 ~ early literacy skills for children.

Voyage to Book Island summer reading clubs will be featured at the Library May 16-Aug. 5 for all ages.

Adult Programs

History of St. Charles ~ 7 p.m. ~ Apr. 4 ~ Discuss St. Charles' rich history with long time residents in the Carnegie Community Room.

Joe K. Anderson Roundtable ~ 1-2:30 p.m. ~ Apr. 19 ~ Bring along a story to share and any photos or other objects related to the Library to the Carnegie Community Room.

Donna Seaman ~ 7 p.m. ~ Apr. 25 ~ Author, radio personality and Associate Editor of Booklist Magazine, Donna will discuss her new book, *Writers on the Air* in the Carnegie Community Room.